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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and objectives of Central Medical Services Society (CMSS);

(b) the number of meetings of the CMSS held so far along with the issues discussed and action plan formulated therein;

(c) whether the Government has noticed that the medicines supplied under various Government schemes are being black marketed in the open market in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): "The CMSS is responsible for procuring health sector goods in a transparent and cost effective manner and distributing them to the States/ UTs by setting up an IT enabled supply chain infrastructure including warehouses in 50 locations.

The main objective of CMSS is to ensure uninterrupted supply of health sector goods under the National Programmes to the State Governments which will then maintain the flow to the various government health facilities.

(b): Nine meetings of the Governing Body and two meetings of General Body of the CMSS have been held so far.

As per Action Plan finalised on 17.12.2013, CMSS has to begin operations with effect from 2015-16 by making preparations for IT enabled warehouses, IT software and recruitment of warehouse staff.

In the Governing Body meeting on 13.03.2014, it was decided to operate 21 warehouses to cater to the needs of all the States/ UTs. Quality Policy and Standard Tender Documents were approved.

Selection of Centre for Development of Advance Computing (CDAC) for preparing IT software has also been approved.

(c): No

(d): Does not arise.